



יהי רצון מלפניך ה' א'יליה א'ב'תינו ז'אליה א'ב'תינו שחתולח מהרה רפואה שלמה מן השמים,  
רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף לפניו הפלחה, ולגנני מעשי טרוד ואנטישמיות  
בישראל ובכל מקום שלהם - עם שאר חולי ישראל. אמן.

**May HaShem protect our soldiers; may He send Refu'ah Sh'leima to the many injured;  
may He console the bereaved families and all of Israel; may He end this war with  
success and peace for Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael wherever we are.**



זה ו' יתנו ... במו'צ'ית השקל בשקל הקדש...  
ראש חדש אדר יהיה ביום שלישי וביום רביעי...

**YERUSHALAYIM** in/out times for Shabbat Parshat  
**MISHPATIM-SH'KALIM-M'VORCHIM**

**ב"ז שבט ה'תשפ"ז • 26' 4:49PM PLAG 4:15PM • 6:02PM R' Tam 6:37PM**



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## Shabbat M'vorchim

Sh'vat always has 30 days in our fixed calendar. Therefore, Rosh Chodesh Adar is two days.

This Shabbat, Mishpatim-Sh'kalim, we bench Rosh Chodesh Adar, which will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 17-18.

ראש חֶדֶש אָדָר יְהִי בַּיּוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי וּבַיּוֹם רְבִיעִי הַבָּא עַלְיָנוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל לְטוֹבָה:

The molad of Adar will be on Tuesday, 50 minutes and 12 chalakim after three in the morning.

הַמּוֹלֵד יְהִי בַּיּוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי, חֲמִישִׁים דְּקוֹת וְשָׁנִים-עַשֶּׂר חֲלָקִים אַחֲרֵי שֶׁלַשׁ בְּבוֹקָר.

The molad in clock time is at 3:44am Israel Winter Time. Rambam notation for the molad is ג' ט:תתקיב

The actual (astronomical) molad (a.k.a New Moon) is at 2:02pm Tuesday.

## Parshat Sh'kalim

This Shabbat we read the maftir of Parshat Sh'kalim in a second Sefer Torah, and we read the haftara for Sh'kalim (and not the regular haftara of Mishpatim).

Sh'kalim is the first of the Four Parshiyot.

## Why is there a Parshat Sh'kalim?

Basically, there are two reasons for it. The first mishna in Masechet Sh'kalim states "On the first of the month of Adar a proclamation is made about the [giving of the] sh'kalim..." The silver half-shekels were collected around the country during the month of Adar, so that the Mikdash treasury would be ready for the fiscal year of communal offerings and activities by the first of Nissan. Our reading of Parshat Sh'kalim is a commemoration of the mitzva of Machatzit HaShekel - and a hopeful prayer for its restoration with the building of the Beit HaMikdash - **Bimheira V'yameinu, Amein.**

The other reason for Parshat Sh'kalim at the beginning of Adar, specifically - shortly before Purim, is that our mitzva of Machatzit HaShekel is the antidote for, the vaccine against, Haman's sh'kalim. Haman offered Achashveirosh 10,000 silver talents for permission to wipe out the Jewish population of the kingdom. It is, as if, our annual gift to the Mikdash of sh'kalim protects us from our enemies who would pay many sh'kalim to facilitate our destruction. There are even sources that say that a silver talent was the equivalent of 30 shekel, making 10,000 talents equal to 600,000 half-shekels, the iconic number of adult males of Bnei Yisrael at the Exodus.